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Miscellaneous Advertisements.



THE FIRST COLD SNAP IS OVER,

**BUT WE MUST HAVE ANOTHER,
AND IF**

You have not bought your Winter Outfit
Now is the time to visit

GRIFFITHS & CO.

ROCK HALL,

Seventh and Market Streets, Philadelphia.

WHERE MAY BE FOUND AN ELEGANT LINE OF CUS-
TOM AND READY-MADE GOODS

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**Call and see us and we will save you from
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**Mr. BOYER, who is connected with the above house, will
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Grain Com'n. Merchant,
AND DEALER IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
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The Middletown Agency for the following well tried Agricultural Implements:—

THE DEERING SELF-BINDING HARVESTER:

THE OLDEST SELF-BINDER, and one that has never failed. Gave entire satis-
faction last season to all who tried it. SIZES—4, 5 and 8 feet.

Edmonston & Waddell Sulky Cultivator,

Over 100 sold in this neighborhood this year.

One-horse Iron-edge Cultivators; the Syracuse and South Bend Plows;

also, extras including,

Solid SLIP SHARE FOR ALL PLOWS (exclusive agent for Middletown and vicinity).

VANWINKLE GRAIN FAN AND PENNOCK CORN SHELLER,

THOMPSON HORSE RAKE, 5 feet Wheel, cannot
be excelled for bunching and raking;

Rubber and Leather Belting, and Rubber Hose, of all styles furnished cheap.

Farmers who purchase machines of me will find them to be as represented.

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AND BALTIMORE.**

Grain Wanted at all times.

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Oysters! Oysters!!

I shall now keep constantly on hand
the best Oysters that can be
found in market.

**Morris River Cove Plants,
FOR PLATING AND FRYING;**

**Tangier Sounds,
AND**

**Johnson's Bays,
FOR STEWING AND GENERAL
FAMILY USE.**

Prices as low as can be found elsewhere.

So much for the Oyster side of the house.

The other side is devoted to

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OF THE FINEST QUALITY;**

Also, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FRUITS
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BARR'S OLD STAND. ESTABLISHED 1844.

DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS!

PERFUMERY, TOILET AND FANCY ARTICLES, FINE SOAPS,
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Pure Wines and Liquors for Medicinal Purposes.

WINDOW GLASS, PUTTY, &c.

The Prescription Department will be under the care of Dr. Carroll.

BARR'S COLOGNE AND BARR'S FAMILY PILLS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

dec. 15-f.

pursued the even, but pompous, tenor

For the Middletown Transcript.

IN THE LANE.

Oh, to-day at set of sun,
I was in the little lane;
And I found an empty nest,
Brimming with that last night's rain.

Oh, to-day at set of sun,
I was in the old sweet place;
But I could not hear your voice,
And I could not see your face.

—LIZETTE WOODWORTH REESE.

A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

Meek and lowly, pure and holy,
Came the Prince of Peace to earth.
Dumb and driven, cast from Heaven,
Satan greets His humble birth:
Poor Christ! I'll free the world he haunted,
Christ! He rule no more again!
He has but left the throne's throne.

Dumb and lowly, feel the sadness
of life reduced from shade to shade;
Day shall take a fresher bloom,
Night itself be freed from gloom.

Dumb and lowly, hear the thrilling
sound of the angel's winged song:
Sin shall lose its fatal sting—
Christ, the Lord, dothardon bring.
Earth and sky are filled with terror,
Losses all its ghastly error.

Now becomes the training place
Where the angels' voices face.

—MINUTE C. BALLARD, in *N. Louis Magazine*.

THE YULE LOG.

A Christmas in the olden time,
That makes demand on modern rhyme,
To bring back from the past the day;
The mirth, the fun, the roundelay:

The laughter, and the Christmas glee,
That edifies the heart, and warms the soul:

We'll sing all over the country side
Made merry at the Christmastide.

How can we sing it? When it seems
That Christmas only lives in dreams;
Or that the world is still, and roundelay:

That Christmas merriment is dead;

And scolded at scolded at children raise

As if the world were dead, and roundelay:

God am I! There is not too much mirth
To cheer on this dreary earth.

Despite their sneers, with all good will
Will the world be still, and roundelay:

Be ours to cherish while they last

Traditions of the buried past?

And we'll sing all over the day now:

See how the children trish from school

Bring in the honored logs of yule.

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“What—what's this?”

Mr. Caleb Chirrup had ascended to
the two second-story rooms he called home, had kissed his wife and babies,

shook hands with his sister-in-law, and had hung up his hat and overcoat, preparatory to eating his supper.

There were no signs of glumness here, for Mrs. Patty and her sister, Miss Melissa, looked cheerful and smiling, and wore their faded print dresses as if they had come from the richest silk-looms of the East.

And the young Chirrups had clean faces and pinnafores, and looked as happy as if “Santa Claus” was not intending to give them stockings the “go-by” on that particular Christmas Eve.

But, at least, thought Mr. Chirrup, as he sat looking out of the window of Lawyer Ledgerly's office, where he was employed at a by-no-means-extravagant salary. Lawyer Ledgerly was ill—“too ill to be seen,” his mother-in-law said. So there was no hope of anticipating his next quarter's salary, as he had sometimes done on similar pressing occasions.

For Mr. Chirrup's salary was so small and his family so large, it was not much wonder there was usually some difficulty in making the salary stretch from one quarter's end to another.

All these things Mr. Chirrup pondered as he sat looking out of the window in Lawyer Ledgerly's office, which was on Fifth street, just opposite Union Market. And our hero—little Mr. Chirrup can be called a hero—was growing plumper than ever, and beat the “Devil's tattoo” on the window-sill, as glam people usually do. For the sight of the market-stalls crowded with Christmas luxuries, was not exactly calculated to cheer up a man in Mr. Chirrup's circumstances.

He was still gazing moodily at the well-filled market-stalls, at the crowds of people, jostling and elbowing each other, when he suddenly started and peered sharply from under his eye brows, as if he had seen some one he knew.

That short, sleek-looking gentleman in the nobly hat and overcoat, with a high market-basket in one hand, and a gold-headed cane in the other. Surely, that was Mr. Chirrup's elder brother, Rothschild!

As he made the discovery, Mr. Chirrup—Mr. Rothschild Chirrup that is—was evidently pricing a turkey; a monster turkey it was, too, the biggest that Mr. Chirrup—either of the Mr. Chirrups—had seen in the market. And the would-be purchaser held it up, punched it, turned it around and held it up again for all the world as if he were exhibiting it for the benefit of his brother, looking glumly down from the window opposite.

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THEN AND NOW.

So you're the miss I used to know
When I was twenty? You were one,
A little girl, and I used to love you.
Lord! How these sinful years do run.
I used to take you on my knee,
And kiss your little fingers and your saker,
But now—hm!—yes, dear me, dear me,
What has the hand changed and no mistake.
I used to love you, and you loved me.
What nonsense! Well, perhaps you're right.
But still you see we were right.
She's changed, but not nearly, quite.
I really think she might have married.
As I am, I'm not good enough for her.
But no—she barely went and married,
And joined the matrimonial hive.
To think that all the world
That fills her heart with joy and ache,
And all the neighborhood with noise.
Well, we'll just let it go at that.
So you're the girl I used to kiss—
Ah, yes, I mentioned that before.
—THESE SINNLY YEARS WE NEVER LOSS
Until they're gone for evermore,
And then we'll never have a chance!
That seemed so proper to you.
Of dancing beauty, waking glances,
Drunkenness, and the taste of dew.
The virgin day's eyes—that is, dashes,
But, hush—had all that sort of thing.
O Lord! What a life we led.
Here—wont you hear this diamond ring?
Engaged to him? That fellow youth?
Well! Oh, my heart's too old too break;
But I will swear one solemn oath;
Times have changed; bethy, no mistake.
—LIVE.

CHIPS.

They who work best talk the least.
Suppose you whistle down your brakes;
What you've done is no great shakes.
—Bret Harte.

The Racine Journal has an editorial headed "The Poet Burns." We knew the poem often did, but had no idea that the poet died.—*Pec's Sun*.

A man may have to walk a mile to take the cars in the United States, and yet only have to go to his neighbor's house to take a Cochin China.—*Marathon Independent*.

"Nothing succeeds like success," and nothing draws like a free show.—*Middleton Transcript*. We judge brother Way has never monkeyed with a mustard plaster.—*Marathon Independent*. A New York "society" young lady, who heard Matthew Arnold's first lecture, says she doesn't think much of his abilities as an orator, but she can appreciate his writing fluid.—*Elevated Railroad Journal*.

A man's brain weighs three and a half pounds. A woman's is somewhat lighter, but of finer quality. That is what enables her to taste lard in her neighbor's pastry.—*Rockland Courier-Gazette*.

The drinking of hot water is recommended as a health invigorator. It is a most exhilarating tonic, if a couple of lumps of white sugar, a small piece of lemon-peel, a little nutmeg and Scotch whiskey be added.—*Chicago Sun*.

It is the fashion to use one perfume only. Thus one girl always uses violet, another roses, etc. By this plan a young man's mother soon learns to distinguish at a smell which young lady her boy spent the evening with.—*Philadelphia Call*.

"Cheek" is being played in a New York theatre, and a representative from the hayseed district who was informed by the man in the box-office that a first-class seat would cost him \$2.00, concluded that the exhibition at the ticket-office was about as satisfying as anything he could see inside.—*Yonkers Statesman*.

A magazine writer says that "women with a purpose, women in earnest, have a noticeable lack of charm." That depends. If a young woman has a "purpose" to say "yes" when her young man proposes and is in "earnest" about it, she has more charm, in his eyes, than at any other period in her life.—*Norristown Herald*.

The latest deliverance on etiquette is that you must not kiss the bride. As it is becoming the custom to have four or five bridesmaids, and there are no restrictions on kissing them, the matter will not cause much commotion. There is no objection to the lady guests kissing the groom, however, provided the bride does not know of it.—*Oil City Derrick*.

The rippling laughter of a girl, the blushing pleasure of a new-made bride, the rapture of a mother as she nestles her baby to her bosom and the smile of pride which mantles on the face of a father as he bears of his boy's success at school, is as nothing to the heaven-born gleam of joy which shoots athwart the face of a Central-st soaker as he finds a forgotten dime in the pistol pocket of his Sunday pants.—*Fall River Advance*.

The maddest man up to date lives in the north part of the town. He was pulling on his boot, the other morning, and struck what he supposed was a nasty, slimy snake coiled up on the sole. He jumped two yards and kicked the boot through a \$5 mirror and a vase valued at \$16, and when his wife's switch cane floated innocently out of the leather, it would have demoralized a horse jockey to hear him talk. Verily the righteous man stands upon slippery places.—*Burlington Free Press*.

There died a few days ago in England, a woman named Sutton, a native of Ireland, who was a master of Greek, Latin, French, Italian, Hebrew, Arabic and Chaldaic. Just think how a woman with all these languages at her command would address the congregation on a wash-day when the kitchen chimney wouldn't draw.—*Middleton Transcript*. She was Suttonly a remarkable woman, and we are glad that she was some other fellow's wife. We never yet met a woman who couldn't, in one language, do all the talking we hungered for.—*Fall River Advance*.

QUILTED silk petticoats, in the old Irish style, with ruffles of black Escurial lace, are the latest fashion. They are lined with eider-down.

WALKING dresses of velvetine are very fashionable. This fashion is adopted from England, where velvetine is as much worn as cloth.

AN INCIDENT IN VIRGINIA.—Our old friend, Mr. Wm. Claughton, of Heathcote, sheriff of Northumberland county, Va., says: "We have many good medicines in our parts, but nothing which equals St. Jacobs Oil, the Great German Remedy. My family keep the Oil in the house at all times and use it for almost everything that a medicine can be used for. They claim that it is unequalled for rheumatism and all bodily pains." *Tappahannock, (Va.) Tide Water Index*.

Peroration.

PARTIES interested in Fruits, flowers and vegetables should send to A. M. Purdy, of Palmyra, N. Y., for his 40 page catalogue of plants, trees, &c. The drawings therein of the newer Fruits, Grapes, Strawberries, Raspberries, Blackberries, Russian Mulberry, &c., &c., are very fine. He also publishes a 20 page monthly paper *The Fruit Recorder and Cottage Gardener*, which is exceedingly valuable, and that now has large circulation in every State and Territory. However, as he sends the catalogue and a specimen copy of the paper free to all applicants, we advise our readers to send for a copy of both and satisfy yourself as to their value.

"A LITERARY REPUBLIC."—"Fifty millions of people, mostly fools," was Carlyle's pointed way of putting it. The now brilliantly successful Literary Revolution—which a few months ago was supposed to be permanently doomed—assumes the opposite, that people are not mostly fools, but that they want good books rather than trash, and the "Literary Republic" is the result. Every reader is a voter, ballots in the first election are to be cast (by postal card), before January 1, 1884. The following are the first "candidates" for honors:

(Gen.) *Palmyra*—"History of the Seven Great Monarchies of the Ancient Eastern World." In three large 12mo. volumes, about 2,400 pages, with profuse and fine illustrations. Price reduced from \$18 to \$8.

John Ruskin—"Modern Painters" and "Stones of Venice." In five handsome 12mo. volumes, about 3,250 pages, with many illustrations. Price reduced from \$30 to \$14.

Guzot and DeWitt—"History of France, from the earliest times to 1848." Translated from the French. Profusely illustrated. In five large 12mo. volumes, about 4,000 pages. Price reduced from \$9 to \$5.

The candidates stand separately. Vote for those you want, one or all. It will take 10,000 votes for each to elect. The 10,000 being received, the books described will be published during the present winter in the terms stated. No money is asked in advance. You can receive and examine the books before paying for them. A specimen number of the Irving Library, giving samples of type, paper and other particulars, will be sent free to any applicant. Address John B. Alden, Publisher, 18 Vesey St., New York.

Personal Characteristics of Whittier.

At seventy-six years and over one can be said to have the beauty only of age, striking as that is in Mr. Whittier's case, with the dark eye and full beard, where black lines still appear among the silver, while his form is as straight and his step is as firm and elastic as ever. But the poet's health is failing. He has himself recognized that

"Over restless wings of song
His birthright garb dons once more."

and even though he clings to the forms of the sect in many respects, using the plain language generally, and tells somewhere why he prefers the simple of the meeting for worship rather than any multitude of words of the most public places of the country. New Castle County, 1883.

Upon the application of Harrison Vandegrift, Administrator of Thos. C. Eaton, late of St. Georges hundred, in said county, deceased, the Register of Probate and the Register that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration to the Administrators, deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted in the papers of the state. Letters in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, and in the city of Wilmington, and inserting the same in the *Middleton Transcript*, a newspaper published in the city, and to be continued therefor two months.

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